

Appl. No. 10/025,528
Amdt. dated July 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 17, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated May 17, 2004. In that action, the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1-58 for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over co-pending application No. 10/027,749.

I. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

In response to the double patenting rejections, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with regard to co-pending application No. 10/027,749. With the submission of this Terminal Disclaimer, all the outstanding rejections of the claims of the current case are addressed, and the claims should be in condition for allowance.

II. CONCURRENT SUBMISSION OF A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit herewith a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing non-duplicative art identified by the European Patent Office in a search of the European equivalent of this case. Applicants also cite non-duplicative art identified in a search of the European equivalent of application serial no. 10/027,749. It is respectfully submitted that none of these additional references teach or render obvious the claims of the pending case.

III. CONCLUSION

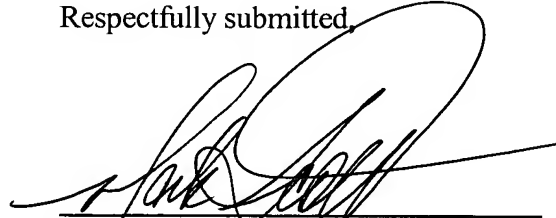
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, allowance of the pending claims and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

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Respectfully submitted,

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